



Supplement to August 18, 2025 MPWMD Board Packet

A list of letters sent to and/or received by the Board Chair and/or General Manager between July 17, 2025, and August 13, 2025, is included in the Board meeting packet under the section titled “Letters Received and Sent”. A summary of these correspondences is provided in the table below for reference.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Jim Staples	MPWMD Board	8/12/2025	Water Rebate 120 Day requirement not logical

Water Rebate 120 Day requirement is not logical

From JIM STAPLES <info@housewires.com>

Date Tue 8/12/2025 9:17 AM

To comments <comments@mpwmd.net>

Members of the board.

In order to have a rebate considered the receipt cannot be dated more than 120 days from the application date.

My proposition to you all is when does water conservation have an expiration date and suppose it does, only 6 months?

With an ear to modern construction timeframes, the still struggling supply chain (yes, this is still happening), having put an order in early for appliances, especially when doing substantial remodel/construction is an absolute requirement. In our case our receipt was dated approx. 8 months ago. We finally got around to doing the application, and then are told outside of 6 months, no rebate.

I can appreciate deadlines, but 6 months especially when construction time frames get pushed back and the associated, very real, complexity of building a rebate application is usually processed when things actually get installed to be sure they fit, are functioning, etc.

With proof of a building permit as an exception to the 6 month rule is a simple and effective fix to still encourage people to buy water efficient appliances. Give people build a year. Why not? If it is about conservation, then I go back to my proposition – why have an expiration date. Just keep your statement about if funds are still remaining. Solved.

If there is an appeal I can make to the worthiness of my letter today, we would like to still receive a rebate for our dishwasher and clothes washer. I can upon request supply my Monterey Building Permit.

Our property is located at [REDACTED], Monterey, CA and Ms. Osborn has our application.

Thank you for your review and consideration,

Jim

Jim Staples
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